

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Roy W. Truelson (Reg. No. 34,265) on March 18, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10, 11, and 25-32.

--END OF AMENDMENT--

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's arguments filed January 3, 2008, see pp. 10-14, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is withdrawn. The prior art of record fails to expressly disclose or fairly render obvious the specification of a trigger expression resulting in an L value during execution to be traced without altering the logical flow of the execution (e.g., without interrupting the process) in the context of the tracing features recited in independent claims 1 and 12.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric B. Kiss whose telephone number is (571) 272-3699. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, alternate Mondays, 7:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (703) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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